2003 Summary of Recycling in Montana

The recycling survey for 2003 has been completed and compiled by Loni Hanka, Air, Energy and Pollution Prevention Bureau, Business and Community Assistance program. The results include that 1,464,755 tons of solid waste generated in 2003 and 15% of that total is recycled and composted. Recycled materials that are included in the survey are aluminum cans, cardboard, compost, newspaper, magazines, miscellaneous metal, mixed paper, plastics (#1 and #2), glass, steels cans, telephone directories, white and office paper and white goods (appliances). It should also be noted that the largest eight landfills had an increase of 24% of solid waste for 2003.